

Commander James E. Tranoris

United States Navy

A native of Asbury Park, New Jersey, Commander Tranoris is a 1984 graduate of Boston University and was commissioned through the NROTC program upon graduation. He also holds a Master's Degree in Business from Webster University.

His initial assignment in February 1985 was as Boilers Officer followed by Missiles Officer and Gunnery Officer in USS BIDDLE (CG 34) homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. While assigned to BIDDLE, he deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as part of the SARATOGA Battle Group in support of Combat strikes against Libya (Operation ELDORADO CANYON) and contingency operations in the Indian Ocean. In January 1988, Commander Tranoris reported to the Naval Safety Center for duties as a Combat Systems Safety Analyst and Surveyor.



He returned to sea as Boilers Officer in USS IOWA (BB 61) in November 1988 and deployed to Northern Europe as part of NATO's Standing Naval Forces Atlantic and then to the Mediterranean Sea as IOWA assumed temporary duties as SIXTH FLEET flagship. In June 1990, he was assigned as the Plans and Special Operations Officer for Commander, Fleet Tactical Deception Group Atlantic.

After completing the Department Head course in Newport, Rhode Island, he reported to San Diego, California in May 1992 for duties as Engineer Officer in USS DURHAM (LKA 114) and deployed to the Western Pacific as part of the OKINAWA Amphibious Ready Group. From March 1994 until July 1996, he served as Material Officer for Commander, Destroyer Squadron ONE. Commander Tranoris returned to Norfolk, Virginia in August 1996, reporting on board USS WASP (LHD 1) as First Lieutenant.

In May 1998, he was assigned as Executive Officer in USS AUSTIN (LPD 4) and deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as part of the SAIPAN Amphibious Ready Group. While deployed, AUSTIN inserted Marine Corps and Navy SEAL security forces into Albania for the protection of American citizens and supported follow-on Operation SILVER KNIGHT contingencies.

From September 1999 to April 2001, Commander Tranoris served as Chief Staff Officer for Commander, Amphibious Squadron EIGHT and deployed to the Mediterranean Sea embarked in USS WASP. In July 2001, Commander Tranoris assumed his present duties as Commander, Fleet Activities, Chinhae.

Commander Tranoris' personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Stars, Navy Achievement Medal, and various campaign, service, and unit awards.

Commander Tranoris is married to the former Lisa Ann Wefald of Westwood, Massachusetts. They have two sons, Peter and Paul.